REMARKS

Rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over MacGillivray. Claim 2 was objected to as depending on a rejected independent claim, but would be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been cancelled herein, and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 2 that the examiner indicated were allowable. For this reason, claim 1 as amended is now allowable. In addition, claims 3-6 depend on claim 1, which is allowable for incorporating the allowable subject matter from claim 2. As a result, claims 3-6 are allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicant's claims presently on file. Therefore, applicant respectfully asserts that all of applicant's claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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